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House Bill \_\_\_\_\_  
By \_\_\_\_\_

Senate No. SJR0162  
By Burks

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Joseph Amonett on becoming the all-time leading basketball scorer at Pickett County High School.

WHEREAS, we are proud to pause in our deliberations to recognize our specially gifted young athletes, who work hard and set records; and

WHEREAS, **Joseph Amonett**, a sensational senior star basketball player at Pickett County High School, recently established a new school record for most points scored in a career, with more than 2,939; and

WHEREAS, this four-year starter has participated in 119 victories and only 23 losses; and

WHEREAS, he had a high school career average of 20.7 points per game, set a school record by hitting a phenomenal 85.9% of his free throws and made 347 three point shots; and

WHEREAS, Joseph has been twice selected a *Street and Smith* All-American, twice an All-State choice, twice the Region Most Valuable Player, twice the conference Most Valuable Player and twice the District Most Valuable Player; and

WHEREAS, in July, 1993; Joseph received Most Valuable Player Award honors at the prestigious Blue Chip Camp, in Georgetown, Kentucky, in competition with more than 470 of the best players in the country; and

WHEREAS, this season, he lead Pickett County to an excellent 35-3 record, the number one ranking in Class A and the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class A state championship; and

WHEREAS, Joseph was the leading scorer in the midstate, with an enviable average of 33.5 points per game; and

WHEREAS, he was nominated to the highly regarded and widely recognized McDonald's High School All-American team, participated in the McDonald's Kentucky Derby Festival, was rated the 66th best player in the nation and was named TSSAA Class A "Mr. Basketball"; and

WHEREAS, before his long awaited and anticipated announcement that he would sign a basketball scholarship with Wake Forest, Pickett County's "Mr. Everything" had been recruited by more than 150 Division One schools; and

WHEREAS, he is the first male athlete at Pickett County to sign a Division One scholarship; and

WHEREAS, a well-rounded individual, he currently maintains a 3.7 grade point average and ranks fifth in his class; and

WHEREAS, sports fans and media personnel have lauded him as "outstanding", "awesome", "gifted", "great", "legendary", "illustrious", "majestic", "highly skilled", "adroit", "accomplished", "adept", "proficient", "mature", "competent", "poised", "seasoned", "inspirational", and called him the "slam dunk machine"; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to honor one of this state's best and brightest young citizens on his many accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING,  
That we honor and congratulate Joseph Amonett and wish him continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared  
for presentation to Joseph Amonett and to the school, with this final clause omitted from such  
copy.